

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 25-33 were pending as of the Office action of January 12, 2005.

Claims 25-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts that "maintaining the garment in inventory" is unclear. Claims 25, 29 and 31 are herein amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections.

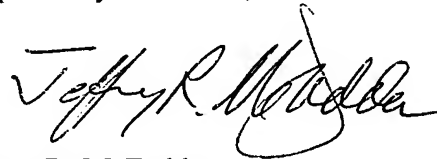
Claims 29, 31, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,423,139 to Feldman. Claim 31 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,658,647 to Magill et al. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,576,668 to Farrelly et al.

The Examiner has stated that Claims 25-28, 30, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. As discussed above, Claims 25, 29 and 31 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 29 has also been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 30, and Claim 30 has been canceled. Claim 31 has also been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 32, and Claim 32 has been canceled.

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The Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejections have been successfully overcome, and that the application has been placed in condition for immediate allowance with Claims 25-28-29, 31, and 33. Such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicants' attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. McFadden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and "M".

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